

Amendment to Claims

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1. (Amended) A universal remote control ("URC") to control at least one electronic appliance, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a first control circuitry which, responsive to a user's command, remotely controls the operation of the at least one electronic appliance, the first control circuitry being located within the housing;
 - a digital voice recorder, disposed within the housing, which records audio signal from both a user and the user's ambience, and plays back at least one audio signal said audio signal, responsive to a user's command, said digital voice recorder and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other.
 2. (Amended) The URC according to claim 1, wherein the digital voice recorder comprises:
 - a microphone to receive the audio signal from both the user and the user's ambience;
 - a processor to process the received audio signal from said microphone;
 - a memory to store the processed received audio signal, said memory and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other;
 - a speaker to play back the audio signal, and
 - a second control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command.

3. (Amended) A universal remote control ("URC") to control at least one electronic appliance, comprising:

a housing;

a first control circuitry which, responsive to a user's command, remotely controls the operation of the at least one electronic appliance, the first control circuitry being located within the housing;

a digital voice recorder which records and plays back at least one audio signal, responsive to a user's command, said digital voice recorder and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other;

couple means to attach the digital voice recorder to the housing.

4. (Amended) The URC according to claim 3, wherein the digital voice recorder comprises:

a microphone to receive the audio signal, said audio signal being generated by the user and the user's ambience;

a processor to process the received audio signal from the microphone;

a memory to store the processed received audio signal from the processor;

a speaker to play back the audio signal;

a power supply, and

a second control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command,

wherein said memory and said processor operate independent of the first control circuitry.

5. The URC of claim 3, wherein the couple means comprises a Velcro fastener between the housing and the digital voice recorder.

6. The URC of claim 3, wherein the couple means comprises an elastic band wrapping around the housing.

7. The URC of claim 3, wherein the couple means comprises at least one pair of clamps to attach the digital voice recorder to the housing.

8. **(Amended)** A universal remote control ("URC") to control at least one electronic appliance, comprising:

a housing;

a plurality of keys on the housing, comprising a set of numerical keys corresponding to the numerals "0" through "9";

a control circuitry which, responsive to a user's pressing of the keys, remotely controls the operation of the at least one electronic appliance, the control circuitry being located within the housing;

a memory which stores the numerical keys entered by the user, said memory being operationally independent of the operation of said electronic appliance;

a display on the housing to display the numerical keys entered by the user.

9. **(Amended)** The URC according to claim 8, further comprising:

a scratch pad control which, responsive to the user's command, activates the memory to store, and to recall using said display, the numerical keys entered by the user as a telephone number, independent of the operation of said control circuitry.

10. The URC according to claim 4, wherein the memory comprises:

a first-in first-out ("FIFO") memory to store a plurality of signals;

memory control to selectively fast-forward, reverse, erase, playback, make permanent at least one of the plurality of the signals stored by the FIFO memory.

11. (New) The URC according to claim 1, wherein the digital voice recorder comprises:

a microphone to receive the audio signal concurrently generated by both the user and the user's ambience, said microphone being operationally independent of said control circuitry's controlling of said appliance;

a memory to store the received audio signal directly from said microphone;

a speaker to play back the received audio signal stored in the EEPROM, and

control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command, wherein said control circuitry is operationally independent of said microphone, memory and speaker.

12. (New) The URC according to claim 2, wherein said control circuitry controls said appliance independent of said memory's operation.

13. (New) The URC according to claim 3, wherein the digital voice recorder comprises:

a microphone to receive the audio signal from the user and from the user's ambience;

an memory to store the received signal from the user and from the user's ambience;

a speaker to play back the audio signal from the user and from the user's ambience;

a power supply to supply power to the digital voice recorder, and

a second control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command, wherein said control circuitry is operationally independent of said microphone, memory and speaker.

14. (New) The URC according to claim 8, further comprising:
a digital voice recorder, disposed within the housing, which records audio signal from both the user and the user's ambience, and which plays back said audio signal, responsive to a user's command, wherein said digital voice recorder operates independently of said control circuitry's controlling of said appliance.

15. (New) The URC according to claim 14, wherein said digital voice recorder comprises:

a microphone to receive the audio signal concurrently from the user and from the user's ambience;

a processor to process the received signal from the user and from the user's ambience;

a memory to store the processed received signal;

a speaker to play back the audio signal;

a power supply to supply power to the digital voice recorder, and

control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command, wherein said memory and said processor operate independently without affecting the operation of said electronic appliance.

16. (New) The URC according to claim 4, wherein the processed received audio signal stored in said memory does not control the operation of said first control circuitry.

17. (New) The URC according to claim 2, wherein the processed received audio signal stored in said memory does not control the operation of said first control circuitry.